

## Registered Dance Educator (RDE) Accreditation



NDEO's Registry identifies, recognizes, and promotes highly qualified dance educators, known as Master Teachers, through Registered Dance Educator (RDE) Accreditation.

### **WHAT IS A MASTER TEACHER in DANCE?**

Master Teachers in dance command the content, skills and knowledge in the dance genre(s) they practice. They are constant learners and model best pedagogical practices in teaching and learning dance. Master Teachers embed dance education in larger domains of knowledge associated with human development, dance science, one's individual well-being and life-style, and community and culture. Master Teachers provide leadership at local, state, and/or national levels, and serve as a catalyst for change in the field.

### **WHAT IS REGISTERED DANCE EDUCATOR (RDE) ACCREDITATION?**

RDE accreditation is a rigorous performance based, peer review process created by the profession that identifies and nationally recognizes a Master Teacher in dance. RDE accreditation provides evidence that:

- ✓ The teacher has a minimum of ten years of experience teaching in the field of dance
- ✓ The teacher possesses scope and depth of knowledge in dance content and pedagogy described in the Professional Teaching Standards for Dance Arts (PTSDA)
- ✓ The teacher adheres to industry standards and the RDE Code of Ethics
- ✓ The teacher meets annual requirements for continuing education and professional development
- ✓ The teacher provides service and leadership at local, state, and/or national levels
- ✓ The teacher serves as a catalyst for change in the field
- ✓ The teacher maintains annual membership in NDEO to stay current in industry standards and practice



### **WHO CAN APPLY for RDE ACCREDITATION?**

RDE certification is open to all dance educators teaching in any sector of dance education: private studios, public and independent PreK-12 schools, colleges and universities, community and cultural centers, performing arts organizations, and other diverse environments. It requires ten years of teaching experience and NDEO membership.

Visit our website at [www.ndeo.org/rde](http://www.ndeo.org/rde) for more information benefits, costs, timelines, and more.

Questions on whether the RDE is right for you? Contact [rde@ndeo.org](mailto:rde@ndeo.org).

**Learn more about the application process at [www.ndeo.org/rdeapplication](http://www.ndeo.org/rdeapplication).**

In your application, you will be asked to submit detailed information on your current teaching assignment and dance teaching, training, performance, administrative, service, leadership, and professional development experiences, two letters of recommendation, a resume/CV, a bio, and a 500-word essay, along with a professional portfolio based on the PTSDA and a 15 minute video of you actively teaching and assessing dance.